



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Diane L. Peterson

Application No.: 09/879,571

Filed: June 12, 2001

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING UNIQUE ID  
PACKETS IN A DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING SYSTEM

Group: 2661

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Docket No.: ATTA-25,515

Assistant Commissioner for  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**In the Specification**

The following are substitute paragraphs incorporating amendments to the specification. The  
marked up version is attached as an Appendix.

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[0198] Referring now to FIGURE 54, there is illustrated a flowchart depicting the comparison  
operation, which is initiated at a Start block 5402 and then proceeds to a block 5406 to pull the  
name from the external database and then compare it to the name table in the function block  
5408. If a decision block 5410 determines that it is a TRUE comparison, then the address



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims	23	Minus	23	0	\$ 9.00 =	\$ .00
Independent Claims	4	Minus	4	0	\$ 40.00 =	\$ .00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ .00

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